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Tech enabled smart parking is anything but smart say users who were slapped 'faulty' tickets and 'absurd' fine amounts

SMART FOR SMART'S SAKE

Parking policy approved in 2021 not implemented

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The smart parking meters at multiple locations in the central business district have miffed many Bengalureans of late. From generating faulty tickets to unreasonable fine amounts being levied, users said the tech-enabled parking system is anything but smart.

"I parked my two-wheeler on Museum Road using the smart parking meter facility. The meter printed a ticket with the wrong date and time. I needed the facility for two hours. I had parked at 11:00 am and thus paid for a slot till 1:00 pm. However, I had to extend the parking time and the app did not work. So I had to rush back to the spot around 1:00 pm only to be told that my ticket was valid until 3:00 pm. There is a lot of confusion," a user narrated his experience of parking on Museum Road.

Preetham Singh, another user who availed of the facility on August 22, said the parking meters are not

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> "Installing a facility is only half the work done. Authorities should maintain it too... — Preetham Singh, user

Death at a funeral

Abysmal upkeep of Wilson Garden crematorium needs urgent attention from authorities concerned

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The state of upkeep at Wilson Garden crematorium is appalling; those who are going to the facility to bid adieu to the mortal remains of their kin or friends are furious about the poor infrastructure and lack of maintenance.

Sunita Kumar, who had gone to the Wilson Garden crematorium thrice in the past one month for her relatives' cremations observed that every time she went to the crematorium the upkeep seemed pathetic; the families of the deceased were in for a shock to see the abysmal condition of the place but as they had decided to do the cremation at the facility, they had no choice but to carry on.

When Sunita went to the crematorium for the first time, she thought the shoddy maintenance could have been due to many cremations carried out in one day; however, when she went for the second and third times, nothing had changed; that left her furious.

Sunita sent a letter to the BBMP commissioner highlighting the pathetic state of the Wilson Garden crematorium. "There has been some repair work going on in one of the buildings, at the electric pyre. However, the rest of the building is in absolute shambles; it is in a filthy state. It seems as though the BBMP does not respect the departed. The ceilings are leaking; the entire ceiling

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Weave a yarn

Kommune has arrived in Namma Bengaluru for the first time. Calling out all the story lovers and budding storytellers to spend your Sunday evening listening to some of the most intriguing stories narrated by amazing storytellers of Bengaluru, this is going to be one amazing and worth-remembering experience. Book your "Kursi" now! **Where: Indiranagar SOCIAL**
When: Sep 18, 4 – 7 PM
Tickets: insider.in/ Info: 9405381368

02 Gender equality talk

Mind Manifesto Society at Sly Granny with author Vanaja Pillai presents readings from her debut book "OMANA", followed by similar discussions about gender equality. Omana tells fifteen stories of contemporary Indian women and their unique challenges and experiences. The intent of the book is to use the power of storytelling to share unfamiliar truths, and discover people we otherwise would not have noticed. Even if they were right in front of our eyes!
Where: Sly Granny; When: Sep, 14, 5 to 7 PM
Limited capacity event, RSVP 08884498120
Registration link: https://forms.gle/azeDuy9NgmeJYUQEA

03 Film Club

What are you watching these days? Is there a film that you have been amazed by recently or a movie that changed your life? Share it with like-minded people at this special meet-up.
Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: Sep 17, 4-5 pm; Register: 9886294444

No alternatives, so pvt schools make a killing

As fees of private schools skyrocket, parents say if govt schools were in better shape, quality education could have been more affordable

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From uniforms to books and stationery bought on campus, private schools are getting costlier

As fees for Bengaluru's private schools shoot up, many parents want better facilities and development in government schools.

One such parent informed Bangalore Mirror that the fee for a few private schools in Bengaluru has increased by as much as Rs 60,000 in the past two years without any prior notice to the parents.

"Before the lockdowns started, the fee for my child's school was somewhere around Rs. 80,000. Now we are paying close to Rs 1,40,000 in the same school two years later. That is a 75 per cent hike in the school fee in just two years. We were given no prior warning about it either," said Ravindra, speaking about a private school in HSR Layout.

The parents feel that if the state had enough government schools with good facilities, quality education in the state will become much more affordable. "The fee in the private schools is beyond affordability now. By having enough government schools, or even by renovating the existing ones, some of this burden can be taken off the parents' shoulders," he further added.

Parents also added that the financial situation in many households is already unstable due to the businesses and salaries being affected by the pandemic. On top of that, education has become a huge burden for parents.

A recent online survey by the Economic Times recently found that the overall expenditure of schooling a child in India in a private school from age 3 to age 17 is Rs 30 lakh. In government schools, on the other hand, the average annual cost is around Rs 15,000 to Rs 20,000 per annum.

However, even due to the huge difference in the fee, parents are still preferring private schools due to the poor infrastructure and facilities in government schools.

It costs Rs 30 lakh to educate a child (aged 3 - 14) in a private school, a recent survey said

"The government schools, or even the budget private schools, lack proper infrastructure and do not have experienced staff. That is why parents are reluctant to send their children to such schools. If instead of putting so much money in elite private schools, we can help these other schools improve in quality, the cost of education will decrease significantly," said Shwetha R, another parent and a resident of Indiranagar.

The parents also said that some of the private schools in the city impose ridiculous conditions on students that end up costing even more.

"My child's school has made it compulsory for all the students to buy either Nike or Sketchers sneakers as school uniform. How will imposing branded shoe rule help in any way? Government should seriously think about a better alternative to such corporate schools. Education should not become a profitable business," another parent shared.

As earlier reported by Bangalore Mirror, parents had also complained about the steep prices if stationery items and school uniforms in private schools. Many schools have made it compulsory for students to get these things from campus only, despite it being against the rules.

Moonlighting is cheating, employees can be sacked: Infosys

Indian IT giant Infosys is cracking down on dual employment and has warned employees that it could lead to termination of services, sources said on Tuesday.

Known as moonlighting, it became the trend during the pandemic thanks to a work from home module. Now, many companies allow employees to come to office twice a week and recent rains have also compelled the workers to work from home in Bengaluru, aiding those who benefit from a second income.

The techies including those who are employed in the IT giant, explain that till the work-from-home option is there, the diktat won't work. The start-ups and unicorns are heads over heels for talent and skilled professionals, they say. Since the job market is still hot in Bengaluru despite fears of US recession, the IT giant's diktat is not going to affect moonlighting by its employees. Not only Infosys, other major IT companies won't be able to detect the activity. Employees explain that they will switch over to other assignments by start-ups, who are flexible. They want to poach the talent in the first place, and skilled employees are in a commanding position to take up an attractive offer. "We can manage both roles. When it is not affecting the work, the respective companies should not have a problem," a software professional maintained. Infosys insiders confirmed the stern e-mail by the company, warning them not to take up any other job while working for the company recently. Wipro Chairman Rishad Premji had tweeted earlier saying that moonlighting is 'cheating, plain and simple'.

Many believe that Infosys, which gives lucrative offers to prospective employees, is worried with the competition by start-ups and its standard policies may not allow the flexibility start-ups provide. "Moonlighting is not a question of morality, it's about efficiency of a professional," explained a start-up founder.

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Relocate your pets, or else...

Pet dog licensing bylaws still not approved, but BBMP eager to send out threat notes to dog owners?

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) pet dog licensing bylaws are still pending approval in the Urban Development Department. But, this has not deterred officials from sending notices to residents with multiple dogs, directing them to relocate their animals, if they don't want action to be taken against them under the KMC Act.

The Animal Husbandry Department of BBMP has recently issued one such notice to a resident of Kalyan Nagar, who has seven dogs. The notice, a copy of which is available with BM, says that the dog owners will have to relocate the dogs within seven days of receiving the notice. In case they fail to do so, action will be taken against them.

"BBMP officials came to my house one fine day and served me with a notice saying we are creating a nuisance with so many dogs. They said neighbours have complained about noise and bad smell.

Since then, they have been coming to my house every second day and causing a lot of mental stress. I tried to explain to the officials that since the pet dog licensing bylaws are not finalised yet, they cannot restrict the number of animals in the houses, but they refuse to listen," said Kavitha Markam, the dog owner, who has received the notice.

BBMP's multiple attempts at formulating pet dog licensing bylaws have met with strong opposition from animal welfare activists in the past. One of the most controversial clauses has been limiting the number of pet dogs per house – one dog in an apartment setting and three dogs in independent houses.

While the limit on the number of dogs remains the same in the most recent draft submitted by the Palike to the Urban Development Department, sources say special provisions have been made in the draft to relax the limit for genuine rescuers who are fostering abandoned dogs or providing care to injured street dogs.

"Out of the seven dogs we have, four are pet dogs and three are injured street dogs that we have rescued and are taking care of. All our dogs are vaccinated and there is no excessive barking. They are all friendly," informed Kavitha.

Senior officials from the Animal Husbandry Department said that while the department can issue a notice in case neighbours raise a complaint, the notice can only demand an explanation. Forcing the dog owner to relocate the animals is sheer harassment.

"If the neighbours have raised complaints against the dog owner due to excessive noise, the dog owner should consider the complaint and look into it. However, the notice from the department cannot ask the dog owner to relocate the animals. This issue should be escalated to the higher officials in the department as it falls under harassment," said the official.

According to animal welfare activists, the assistant director of the east zone of the animal husbandry department has no information on the existing laws.

"While the zonal area director does not know the law, he is authorised to issue threat notices to compassionate citizens. The authorities are purely misusing their power and position and there is no hierarchy being followed to oversee these notices being sent to tax-paying and law-abiding citizens. The senior officials in the department should approve of such notices before they are sent out," said Tarun Agarwal, animal cruelty officer, PFA.

New deadline for safer BMTC buses: A month away now

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After much delay in the implementation of the Intelligent Transport System (ITS) that allows for real-time updates in all buses, BMTC has finally announced that it will be launched within one-and-a-half months. The system will be implemented across all buses.

All the buses will be equipped with CCTV cameras, emergency buttons, and a vehicle tracking system to allow for real-time monitoring of buses for the safety of passengers.

BMTC Director (IT) AV Surya Sen told BM, "As per the revised deadline provided by Manipal Technologies, the ITS will be installed in buses within the next one to one-and-a-half months. The system and software are ready and only

the installation is pending. Currently, the team is in the process of installing it."

Under the Nirbhaya funds, public buses are to be equipped with CCTVs, emergency (SOS) buttons, passenger information display systems, and vehicle tracking systems. Already 1,000 buses have been equipped with the ITS and around 4,000 buses in the fleet are yet to be integrated.

Additionally, BMTC is also in the process of replacing Tummoc, an app that helps in ticketing, with an in-house software. "Mobile ticketing, issue of passes and smart cards, ETMs currently handled by Tummoc will be replaced with an in-house system. We are trying to hire additional developers to strengthen the IT team. The Amnex team is already working on the software," added Sen.

Manipal Technologies have also completed work on the BMTC app which will also be launched within 1.5 months.

Under the Nirbhaya scheme, BMTC had awarded Rs. 37.5 crore work to Manipal Technologies to install CCTVs, emergency buttons, and vehicle tracking systems in buses in 2020 but has failed to implement them within the set deadline. Previously, the company had cited semiconductor chip shortage as the primary reason for the delay.

Search launched for 3 medical students feared washed away in Mavattur lake

#Ramanagar

The Fire Force and Emergency Services personnel have launched a search to locate three medical students who are suspected to be washed away in lake near the city.

According to police, the students are suspected to be washed away in Mavattur lake near Kanakapura.

Sachin (26), Javed Ahmad Mulla (26) and Niranjan (26) are students of Dayananda Sagar Medical College in Bengaluru. Their friends told police that the trio had left the college campus on Monday noon and did not return.

The students are suspected to have gone to Mavattur lake in Kanakapura near Ramanagar and washed away while swimming. Following the missing complaint, the police have found the bike of one of the students near the Mavattur Lake.

Mavattur police have lodged a case in connection with the case. The lake is filled to its maximum capacity and overflowing owing to heavy rains. Further investigation is on. – IANS

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Every downpour leads to waterlogging here

Motorists using Kasturi Nagar underpass to reach Old Madras Road are fed up with it getting flooded every single time the area receives heavy rainfall

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Two-wheelers and an auto rickshaw wading through a waterlogged Kasturi Nagar underpass; commuters also complain about the stretch between the underpass and Old Madras Road being full of potholes

Although rainwater started to recede in most flooded areas in the city, Kasturi Nagar underpass has been among the unlucky places that are still waterlogged. It is continuing to inconvenience motorists, particularly two-wheeler riders.

The narrow underpass is the only way for residents of Sadananda Nagar and Kasturi Nagar, as well as motorists coming from Ramamurthy Nagar and other areas to reach Old Madras Road.

Waterlogging has become a routine at this underpass whenever it rains, said Ramamurthy D S, a resident of Kasturi Nagar, adding that authorities mitigated the waterlogging problem at Vijinapura underpass while leaving this one unattended.

On Monday afternoon, when a Bangalore Mirror correspondent visited the spot, the entrance (from Kasturi Nagar side) was facing traffic jams.

Some of the motorists were seen desperately trying to take a U-turn and proceed towards alternative routes, despite them having to commute for longer to reach their destinations. "I do not know what has prevented the BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) authorities from fixing this problem. It is not a new issue. They should fix this problem as early as possible for the benefit of motorists," said Prakash S, an auto rickshaw driver.

According to the residents, traffic jams up to Benniganahalli flyover have become a common occurrence during peak hours due to waterlogging.

"I have no other alternative route to reach Old Madras Road. I have to travel more than two km if I want to use the Benniganahalli flyover. I have to go up to the hanging bridge near KR Puram Railway Station and take a U-turn to proceed towards Indiranagar.

Thousands of motorists depend on this underpass to reach Old Madras Road," said Ashok K, a commuter. A few motorists also opined that BBMP authorities should fill up potholes on the road between the underpass and Old Madras Road.

> **"I have no other alternative route to reach Old Madras Road. I have to travel two km more if I want to use the Benniganahalli flyover**
>
> –Ashok K, commuter

"The craters on the road have become a hurdle for smooth movement of vehicles on the stretch between the underpass and Old Madras Road. Senior citizens, especially those riding two-wheelers, are the most affected due to flooding and craters," said Naveen P, another commuter. Meanwhile, a BBMP inspector said that he has been trying to contact the KR Puram ward engineer as the underpass comes under KR Puram ward jurisdiction.

BBMP Executive Engineer (Road Infrastructure) Bhagyamma promised to look into the matter.

Sankey Lake's cry for help

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Residents of the city are upset over the poor condition of Sankey Tank. The path built next to the man-made lake has been under construction for months and the lake's water is polluted.

They say that if maintained well, the area will be a good place for morning walks. However, they are not able to make a full loop around the path because of construction work.

Akhil YV, a resident, said, "This lovely place for walking has been neglected by authorities. The construction work is not quite up to the mark. The walking track should have been ready quite a long time ago, but it is not. During rains, it becomes even messier. It is a very good initiative, but it has to be maintained, otherwise there is no use for having such kind of place in the city."

People have also complained about the lack of proper lighting in the premises, making it difficult to stay after dark.

Vijay Gosangi, another resident, said that the lack of lights makes the place very unsafe to be in after dark.

He also said that the place is not properly maintained, due to which there may be snakes and other insects during the rainy season. He told Bangalore Mirror that he had to stop his morning walks because of the construction work going on in the space for months.

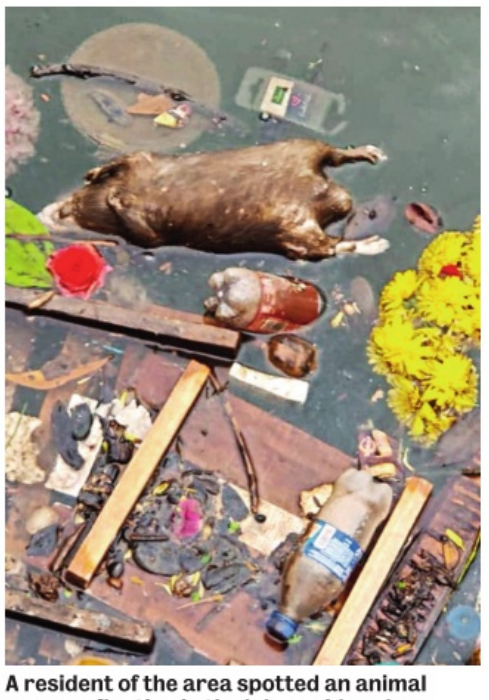
People also pointed out that the water in the lake is quite dirty.

Sowjanya Gowda, also a resident, said, "Just a few days ago, I was taking a stroll on the path and saw that there was a dead rat floating in the water. Apart from that, the water was filled with plastic bottles, discarded flowers, and other such garbage. The authorities should take some steps immediately to clean the water."

Many regular walkers also demanded that the work be completed soon so that they can resume their morning and evening walks.

A BBMP official told BM that work for the pathway, Kalyani, and the gates was underway.

"70 per cent of the work is complete. Only 30 per cent is left, which will also be completed soon," they informed.



A resident of the area spotted an animal carcass floating in the lake amid garbage

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Clear the mess

JC Nagar

This area opposite Vision Opticals has not been cleaned for over 15 days in JC Nagar.

Sewage leak

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Sewage has been leaking since the last one month next to Government Urdu School on Linden Street.

Unofficial dumpyard

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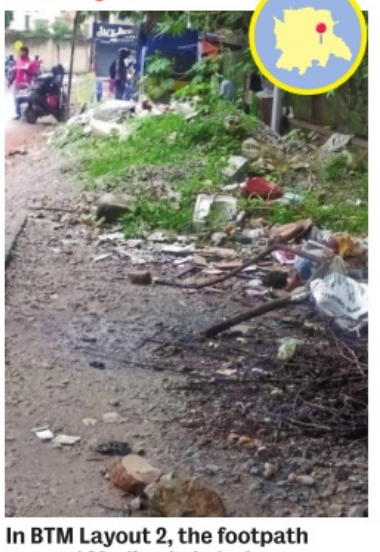

In BTM Layout 2, the footpath around Madiwala Lake has become a garbage dump.

Razing hell: Homes gone, citizens cry foul

With BBMP demolishing encroachments in Mahadevapura zone, affected residents want to be shown maps of rajakaluves

Demolition drive taking place in the Mahadevapura zone

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As bulldozers roar in the Mahadevapura zone, the 'ground zero' where demolitions are being carried out to clear encroachments has become a place of verbal duel. Many people who are losing their homes or seeing their buildings being razed down are demanding that they be given time or shown the maps as to where the rajakaluves flow. However, officials say that they are going by the book and there is no stopping the demolition until the entire rajakaluve network is cleared.

A lady whose house was being demolished, said, "I don't understand how BBMP is going ahead with demolition. We need the civic agencies to provide us proof. I have a house which is legally registered in a sub-registrar's office. If my house was illegal as it stood on a drain, then why was registration done? I want the authorities to at least show us the maps of the rajakaluve before beginning the drive."

"I have a house which is legally registered in the sub-registrar's office. Why was registration done if it is illegal? – Victim

Reacting to this, a BBMP senior engineer said that notices are served by the Revenue department, and on many occasions, they were reportedly issued long ago. They said they are now in the process of demolition as the Chief Minister has allowed them to go ahead.

A section of residents have alleged double standards in demolition work. "There are many tech parks which have encroached on rajakaluves. They are being served seven-day notices. This gives a chance for these builders to approach the court, but for the common man, there is no mercy. The offices should give us enough time so that we can relocate," said an affected person from the area.

Revenue Minister R Ashoka said that there was no need to serve fresh notices to those who had encroached lakes or rajakaluves and his government was committed to clearing them before the next monsoon. He added that if any big buildings had been encroached, they would be brought down like the Noida twin towers.

Many are of the opinion that the government should also punish the officials who accorded permission. An online petition by Heritage Beku reads, "We must hold the authorities accountable and find a way for the culprits to pay. We have worked much harder than what is needed in a supposedly intelligent, well planned, and responsive city. Now, citizens need to ask for solutions."

'Data on stormwater drain enchroachments wrong'

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Social activists alleged that the BBMP authorities have misled the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the number of encroachments on stormwater drains that were cleared.

According to a complaint lodged with the BBMP Chief Commissioner by Right To Information Study Centre (RTISC) on Tuesday, BBMP engineers have informed the Comptroller and Auditor General in 2018 that 763 encroachments of stormwater drains were cleared, but BBMP Chief Engineer (Stormwater Drains) had informed in 2020 that 2626 encroachments of such drains were reported from all the zones of BBMP.

"The Chief Engineer (Stormwater Drains) has informed that 428 encroachments were cleared in 2016-17 and 1,484 in 2018-19. He said that 714 encroachments are yet to be cleared, and among them, 52 buildings are under litigation. This information given by the Chief Engineer is completely wrong," the RTISC said in their complaint.

S Amaresh, Managing Trustee of RTISC, said that he has filed an RTI application seeking information on the ward-wise details of buildings

An RTI application has been filed on ward-wise details of demolitions

demolished and the quantity of debris transported to the designated places.

"I appealed to the BBMP Chief Commissioner to lodge a complaint with Karnataka Lokayukta against those responsible for not only providing wrong information to the Comptroller and Auditor General, but also for failing to implement the High Court order on encroachments," said Amaresh.

The CAG report for the year 2021 came down heavily on the BBMP for lack of financial discipline and incomplete storm water drains work.

The report recommended the BBMP to prepare a comprehensive database of stormwater drains in coordination with agencies like the BDA and BWSSB.

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Half helmets? Get ready to be fined

Cubbon Park Traffic Police conduct drive to spread awareness about wearing full, ISI-certified helmets; fines to be implemented strictly

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The Cubbon Park Traffic Police are going all out in educating the public on the importance of good quality helmets and the role they play in saving lives. To further intensify the road safety drive, the department has now decided to strictly fine riders who are not wearing an ISI-certified helmet.

According to traffic police officials, half helmets or non-ISI certified helmets will be considered as 'no helmets' from now onwards in Bengaluru.

"We are planning to implement the ISI-certified helmet rule strictly over the coming days. We come across many riders wearing half helmets, which are not allowed as per the law. While we have been stopping them and educating them about the rules on ISI-certified helmets, we wanted to give them some time to procure these. The ISI marked helmets are going to be compulsory in Bengaluru," said a senior traffic police official.

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Talking heads
Police urge motorists to wear proper ISI-standard helmets — not just any head

Bangalore Mirror has been tracking the government's many attempts to implement ISI helmet rule

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As part of the drive, traffic cops distribute free helmets to riders across the city

As a precursor to that, the Cubbon Park Traffic Police organised a free helmet distribution event in the area and distributed 10 ISI-certified helmets to bikers on Tuesday afternoon at the GPO circle.

The drive was conducted in association with Citizens 4 Citizens (C4C), a Bengaluru-based community service group.

"A lot of people are going through serious injuries and deaths as they prefer to not use helmets or carry them on their arms. Everyone knows that helmets are there to save lives. Through this event, we are trying to make people aware of the existing laws around helmets.

> **"While fixing the roads is not in our control, we can start wearing full helmets to avoid injuries** – Rajkumar Dugar, C4C

People often blame bad road conditions for accidents involving two-wheelers. While fixing the roads is not under our control, we can avoid serious injuries if we start wearing full helmets," said Rajkumar Dugar, founder, C4C.

"While there are penalties in place for not wearing ISI-certified helmets and helmets with chin straps undone, many riders in the city have not been paying attention to our warnings. The idea behind distributing free helmets is to spread awareness before we kickstart strict penalties for those breaking the rules," said an official.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has made ISI helmets mandatory under updates made to the Motor Vehicle Act 1998. Under this update, if the helmet does not bear ISI marking, it will invite a fine of Rs 1,000. Moreover, if the chin strap is undone, an additional fine of Rs 1,000 will be levied. "While the MoRTH rule talks about a fine of Rs 1,000, we would like to be lenient for

Quota for 'male third gender' for armed forces

In a first for the state, the Karnataka government has announced reservation for 'male third gender' in recruitment to the state armed forces.

State Home Minister Araga Jnanendra on Tuesday said the process to recruit constables to fill 3,484 posts in the Karnataka Armed Forces has started.

"For the first time in the state, 79 posts have been reserved for the 'male third gender'," he said.

Transgender activists hailed the move to provide quota. "I welcome the decision," Karnataka Rajyotsava awardee Akkai Padmashali, a transgender and founder of 'Ondede' which works for transgenders' welfare, told PTI.

The queer activist said the announcement was 'a mainstreaming of the third gender' but added 'there is no third gender called 'Male Third Gender'.

"What I understand from their (government) point of view is that probably, they are referring to the 'female to male transformed transgender man'," Padmashali said.

Minister Jnanendra said of the total vacancies, 420 posts have been reserved for candidates from 'Kalyana Karnataka' region or the erstwhile Hyderabad-Karnataka region, with 11 of them for the 'male third gender'.

For the rest of Karnataka, recruitment will be held to 3,064 posts, of which 68 are reserved for the 'male transgender', Jnanendra said.

He added the last date for submitting the form online is October 31.

Regarding the plight of transgenders, Padmashali said: "Here most of us transgenders are illiterate and school dropouts -- not even passed 10th standard, forget the (college) degree. "There is also a need to understand various cultural identities and diversity of existence within the transgender community such as 'Jogappa', 'Marla', 'Jogta', 'Shakti', and 'Akka'," he pointed out. The activist also appealed to the government to do a survey to understand the community better. **– PTI**

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Fear and loathing over Bengaluru's open drains

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The poor infrastructure of Bengaluru claimed yet another life on Sunday when a 26-year-old woman died after falling into an open drain. The accident occurred on HBR Layout Main Road in Ashwath Nagar around 12.30 am. This comes after commuters having raised concerns over the open drains and broken footpaths in the city.

However, the civic authorities said that the accident occurred due to negligence and overspeeding.

"It was 12:30 at night and the people should have been more careful while driving. The accident occurred at a T-junction and could have been avoided if they had been careful; they could have seen the open drain in front. They were not even wearing helmets," said BBMP Chief Engineer (Road and Infrastructure), BS Prahalad. He also said that the area comes under Arkavathy Layout project and the drain is not under BBMP's jurisdiction. However, citizens point out that in several other areas of the city as well, the infrastructure is inadequate and dangerous for commuters.

Sachin A Raj, a resident of Kanakapura Road, told Bangalore Mirror that in his area, there are several open drains and the residents have complained several times in the past.

"On the main roads and junctions, the quality of footpaths is so poor. There are slabs missing, the drains are exposed. Around Vajarahalli and Konanakunte Cross metro stations, there are several broken slabs over the drains. It could lead to serious injuries," he added.

Broken drains on HBR Layout's Main Road that claimed the woman's life

The commuters further added that many two-wheeler riders use footpaths when the traffic is high which has further deteriorated the quality of footpaths.

Another resident of Malleswaram added that due to the BWSSB work, the drains were left exposed for a week. "The stench was really bad. When it rained it would get even worse. Because of the rain, the work was also delayed though now it has been fixed... Such things aren't just dangerous because they cause accidents but they can also lead to infections due to garbage and stagnated water," he added.

Even the prime areas of the city like Indiranagar, a few parts of Koramangala, and the HSR layout have similar problems, they said. Despite several complaints over the years, the issue remains constant across the city.

Kohinoor's birthplace lies in sad condition

Believed to be place where Kohinoor was mined, Karnataka's Kollur village is neglected by authorities

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With Queen Elizabeth's death, the world's most precious diamond Kohinoor is in the limelight. Many are demanding that the UK royalty return Kohinoor to India.

Many say that the diamond was originally mined in Karnataka. Sadly, the place where it was mined now stands in a state of neglect.

Kohinoor often touted as the most precious diamond in the world weighs around 105.6 carats. The diamond was found in India in the 14th century.

Historians from Karnataka say that Kohinoor was mined from Kollur village, on the banks of river Krishna in Shahpur taluk of Yadgir District. Many say that the place where Kohinoor was mined is in a poor condition.

Earlier, there was a board that announced the importance of the place. However, now even this board is removed and the entire area is covered by weeds.

"We don't know how to promote historical places. These are real historical places and if the local administration and the state government promote these places, it can invite a lot of tourists. However, sadly, we don't know how to preserve our heritage," said Sandeep R, a college student.

"If the local administration and government promote these places, it can invite a lot of tourists

–Sandeep R, student

Historians believe that Kohinoor was mined from Kollur village in Yadgir District of Karnataka

Sources say that Judge Robert Sewell, the author of The Forgotten Empire mentions that Kohinoor was mined here.

However, others say that it is a matter of debate. Others claim that the precious diamond was found in Guntur in Andhra Pradesh during the reign of the Kakatiya Dynasty where it was as one eye of the deity. Later, Malik Kafoor (Alauddin Khilji's General) looted it. After being passed on to the many rulers of the Mughal Empire, Sikh Maharaja Ranjit Singh possessed it in Lahore, post which he came to Punjab.

The diamond was given to Queen Victoria in 1849 following the annexation of Punjab during Maharaja Ranjit Singh's son Dileep Singh's rule.

On Monday, a socio-cultural organisation in Odisha claimed that the Kohinoor diamond belonged to Lord Jagannath, and sought the intervention of President Droupadi Murmu for its return to the Puri temple.

Author and historian William Dalrymple noted in his book, "Kohinoor" that child Sikh heir Duleep Singh regretted having surrendered the jewel to Queen Victoria. However, he also wished to give it to the Queen as a man.

The Indian government's stand in the Supreme Court was that the diamond, estimated to cost over USD 200 million, was neither stolen nor "forcibly" taken by British rulers, but given to the East India Company by erstwhile rulers of Punjab.

The 96-year-old Elizabeth II, the longest-serving monarch of the UK died on Thursday last. The precious Kohinoor diamond studded crown will pass on to the next in line. However, going by the ascension history of the Kohinoor, the diamond will go to the next Queen, which in this case is Camilla Parker Bowles, the Queen Consort.

The Kohinoor diamond is currently placed in the platinum crown which was worn by Queen Elizabeth II during her reign as the monarch of England.

(With inputs from agencies)

5 reservoirs are brimming in Karnataka after decades

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As many as five reservoirs in Karnataka being monitored by the Central Water Commission (CWC) are full up to the brim, says the latest bulletin issued by the commission. As per the report, the Vani Vilas Sagar Reservoir in Chitradurga was full and overflowing for the first time in the last nine decades.

The reservoir has crossed its capacity of 652.28 m and was overflowing at 653.81 m.

Ghataprabha Reservoir also reached its 100 per cent capacity this week at 662.94 m. The total storage capacity of the reservoir is 662.95 m. Other reservoirs in the state that reached their 100 per cent capacity included the Malaprabha Reservoir, Hemavathy Reservoir and Almatti Reservoir.

As many as 16 reservoirs in the state are monitored by CWC. Overall, reservoir levels recorded a departure of 17 per cent from normal storage. The state also recorded higher live storage levels across all the 16 reservoirs put together. While the last ten-year average of live storage was 18.61 BCM, this year, the live storage level is 21.78 BCM.

Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) and Kabini Reservoirs that supply water to Bengaluru were full up to the brim last week. Currently, both tanks are at 98 per cent of their total storage capacity. While the water level in the KRS reservoir was recorded at 752.29 m Kabini recorded a water level of 696.04 m. Around 70 per cent of Bengaluru's water requirements are met by KRS and 30 per cent by Kabini.

"Bengaluru is unlikely to face any water woes this year owing to the hyperactive southwest monsoon. Both KRS and Kabini dams are also almost full. Kabini, at 19.5 TMC, has also recorded one of the best readings wrt water level so far. At present, BWSSB 's water requirement is 19 TMC. However, from March 2023 onwards, we will be in a position to draw water to the tune of 29 TMC through BWSSB's Cauvery water pumping unit at Torekadanahalli (TK Halli) in Mandya," said a BWSSB official.

Krishna Raja Sagar and Kabini Reservoirs that supply water to Bengaluru were full up to the brim last week

The southern region fared well

When it comes to the total live storage of the reservoirs, the southern states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, fared well compared to other regions in India. The live storage of the reservoirs across all five states was 91 per cent of their capacity. There are 40 reservoirs under CWC monitoring with a total live storage capacity of 53.07 BCM. The current total live storage available in these reservoirs is 48.24 BCM.

The bulletin also highlights that the storage this year is better compared to the last year and to the average storage of the last ten years. The total live storage of the 40 reservoirs monitored during this time last year was 83 per cent and the average storage of last ten years during the corresponding period was 66 per cent.

Central Ground Water Authority
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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Kind attention is drawn to the **Public Notice No. 3/2022** dated 14.06.2022, **5/2022** dated 29.07.2022 and **6/2022** dated 19.08.2022 issued by CGWA regarding taking permission for ground withdrawal by all existing users. In this regard following is clarified:

1. "**All Ground Water Users including**" may be read as "**Ground Water Users from these categories**:"
2. **Ladakh** stands omitted from the list of States/UTs provided.

Rest of the contents of the said Public Notices will remain unchanged. Please log on to https://cgwa-noc.gov.in for further details.

Chairman
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Who's in charge at Wilson Garden crematorium?

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is full of cobwebs, while the tiles and floors are covered in all kinds of muck and pigeon poo," she said.

Apart from the aforementioned, there is waste material lying everywhere around the crematorium. "Materials used for rituals are strewn all over alongside mounds of discarded flowers, mattresses, coffins and overflowing garbage bins. The caretakers couldn't care less in total lack of sensitivity," Sunita told BM.

Meanwhile, the BBMP's Banashankari and Hebbal crematoriums are relatively well maintained. This is not the first time Wilson Garden crematorium has been in the news. There have been reports dating back to 2017 about the sorry state of the facility.

"The place is stinking; there is no hygiene. The Delhi High Court, taking cognisance of terrible sights at crematoriums and burial grounds, stated that the departed souls need to be respected — it is indeed their right," she said.

When BM reached out to BBMP executive engineer (electrical), south division, the number remained unreachable.

Parking yet to smarten up

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working properly and require maintenance.

"I used the facility on August 22. However, the ticket had a paid date mentioned as September 2. It said the ticket is valid up to October 22, 2022. Installing a facility is only half the work done. The concerned officials should also make sure it is maintained," lamented Preetham.

Many users expressed concern about the heavy fine imposed if a vehicle overshoots the time limit. The parking meter system allows people a five-minute grace period, after which the vehicle is clamped and a fine of Rs 500 is levied.

"I use the facility regularly and have ended up paying the late fine on multiple occasions. If the parking charges of different vehicles vary, why are the late fines uniform? The system should have the facility to pay the parking fee when the users are leaving," said another citizen who uses the parking facility regularly.

According to experts, the parking policy for Bengaluru approved in 2021 has not been implemented yet, leading to issues not just with the smart parking meters.

"As per the parking policy, the owner of the vehicle is supposed to take an annual permit if they park their vehicle on the road in a residential area. The permit amount varies between Rs 1,000 and Rs 5,000. However, this aspect has not been implemented in the city so far. Many residential areas face this issue on a day-to-day basis. People have multiple private vehicles but they shy away from paying the parking fee even when it is a meagre amount of Rs 5,000 per year," said Dattatraya Devare, trustee, Bangalore Environment Trust.

Social activists pointed out that since parking is unregulated in most parts of the city, revenue loss is an important aspect to consider.

"There are umpteen free spaces available in commercial areas, often next to the smart parking meters, leading to vacant slots and loss of revenue to the state. Implementation of the parking policy and maintenance of the existing smart parking meters should be taken up on a priority," Devare told BM.

According to Prahlad BS, chief engineer, road infrastructure, BBMP, while no issue with parking tickets has been brought up to his notice so far, the team concerned will look into this matter immediately.

"We have given the contract to Central Parking Services, a Bengaluru-based firm, to install and maintain these parking spots and facilities. There is no maintenance issue that we have come across so far. However, I will press my team to look into this and fix it. As long as the late fine issue is concerned, if we stop regulating it, we will not be able to bring in discipline and will not be able to cater to many. When such systems are put in place in western countries, they are well appreciated. However, when we implement them here, we face criticism," said Prahlad.

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What is mid-life career crisis? And here is how to navigate through it

According to research, many working professionals, even those with obviously successful professions, can start to feel unsatisfied with their lives in the middle of their forties. They might feel stuck in a rut, wondering, "Is this all there is to the rest of my professional career," or they might regret earlier decisions they made, like the route not taken. Sawan Kapoor, a Career Coach will guide you on how to navigate your mid-life career crisis.

Why do people experience a mid-life career crisis? Working professionals having a mid-life career crisis are most commonly caused by becoming disengaged from their jobs. Professionals who chose a career path that is not their genuine calling are most likely to experience this. Being in a misaligned career is what this is known as. In other words, "I'm in the incorrect field or position, now what?" And this remorse starts to be seen as the cause of the mid-life career crisis as you decide what to do next.

There are six main stages to a career that lasts three to four decades. The beginning phase of one's profession also offers the greatest potential for misalignment. The first stage, which is referred to as the aspiration stage, usually starts when you receive your higher education or college degree. To grasp what you want to get involved with in terms of the sector, role, or function that you want to take on, serious introspection is necessary at this stage. The time must be taken by young people who are going to enter the workforce to work on their personal awareness.

If they don't do the necessary introspection, they frequently end up choosing a career that doesn't fit who they are. They may have selected their occupation due to familial, cultural, or peer pressure to imitate successful people who don't reflect their unique personalities. The situation then only gets worse when one advances in their profession, furthering their discontent. Professionals work most of the time while they are awake, thus this should not be taken lightly. Fundamentally, it will have an impact on a significant portion of your quality of life.

Unmet career ambitions are a second factor that contributes to a midlife career crisis. The expectation that one has of progress may not have been met. Professionals may have expectations in terms of designation, salary, scope, learning, and the responsibility with which their career allows them to engage with the working world, which is often the root cause of this second reason. They frequently transition into going through a mid-life career crisis when these expectations are not satisfied. By this point, the reality of family obligations, the lack of free time, and the weight of work can make it nearly impossible to get out of this catch-22-I need the job to power the financial engine of my life, but I have no interest in the job—situation.

The signs of amid-life career crisis A mid-life professional crisis has distinct symptoms that start to emerge in several facets of a person's life. This covers a person's mental health, psychological equilibrium, emotional problems, physiology, relationships, and more. These symptoms may include a lack of drive, a hit to one's self-esteem, and a lack of enjoyment in one's profession. It might also manifest in other ways, like resentful behaviour toward new recruits, clients, vendors, and other service providers. It affects one's mood, and a negative outlook is similar to a flat tire-if you don't fix it, you won't get far! Chronic fatigue is another sign of a mid-life professional crisis, which is caused by the endorphins that used to be released when one made progress and felt successful no longer being released.

> **Professionals who chose a career path that is not their genuine calling are more likely to experience it**

How can one deal with a mid-life career crisis?

A working professional must understand that, more often than not, they are going through a mid-life career crisis for the first time. The future route is unclear, and it is this unknown may cause us to adopt a mindset that is not appropriate for dealing with what we are going through. In addition to being something that one may not have previously dealt with, the worry that it can cause can make things even more difficult and leave one unprepared to handle the barrage of feelings and emotions that a mid-life professional crisis can cause.

And in many cases, it leads to odd behaviours and even to "quiet quitting". Quiet resigning refers to doing only the bare minimum required by your employment to keep you employed, and even that is done reluctantly. People who withdraw in this way show little initiative, avoid taking on responsibility, and try to strictly adhere to the parameters of their job tasks so that no one can openly criticise them. Quitting quietly has the drawback that it doesn't remain silent.

So hiring a career coach is the best course of action for a midlife professional crisis. First, by developing an awareness of why this is happening, a career coach may assist you in diagnosing the issue. Understanding the source of the imbalance enables us to create a meaningful strategy for resolving the issue.

Second, a career coach will assist you to address your personal growth so that you can deal with walking the trip to emerge from this cloudy thinking. They will also address any unsuitable career choices you may have taken for this problem to have arisen in the first place. They will discuss your personality, self-awareness, alignment with your mission, and the reason you get out of bed every morning, as well as the tailored career strategies you must now take to put this behind you.

In order to achieve this, a career coach will address four crucial windows into who you are: your open self, or aspects of who you are that are known to you and to others similarly; your blind self, or aspects of who you are that are unknown to you but visible to others; your hidden self, or aspects of who you are that you hide from the world so that you are known to you but not to others; and lastly; your unknown self. They bring the necessary solutions to these four facets of your personality in order to help you get back on track, both personally and professionally.

Once they are able to solve these issues and establish alignment between what you are passionate about, what the world needs, and what you can be compensated for, they assist you in developing a doable plan of action so that you won't have to start from scratch again. They assist you in making the move to a meaningful career where you may contribute meritoriously and earn the financial benefits you are capable of while also enjoying a work-life balance that complements your overall goals in life.

— IANS

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a woman in my 20s and I had a real problem fitting in at school when I was younger. I was bullied quite badly at school and it's made me wary of new situations and people. I started a new job recently and I'm struggling as the place is cliquey and there's one group with a 'ringleader'.
They're nasty about another female colleague and even warned me to stay away from her.
A few nights ago, I ended up interacting with this girl they hate and she was charming. She admitted the women in office have had it in for her since day one, but she likes the job and needs the money.
I think the others are jealous of her, as she's pretty and self-assured.
I don't know what to do - I'm terrified of being in the situation I was back in school. Any advice?

COLEEN SAYS

These aren't the kind of people you want to fit in with. They are bullies and they're now trying to control you with a veiled threat that you would be bullied too if you don't fit in. You have to call them out and, of course, that's easier if there's more than one of you. It's great you've connected with this woman and, remember, you can always take any concerns to HR. I understand that this situation is triggering for you, but you're not in school now - you're in a professional environment with policies, guidelines and protections. You won't be left to fend for yourself, like at school. Maybe this group is jealous of your colleague, but they're probably also annoyed that she won't be controlled and that she doesn't want to fit in. Don't let this group dictate who you can and can't be friends with. And the more people stand up to it, the less power this group will have. Stick with your new friend, focus on your work and report any incidents to your manager.

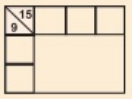
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

⅓ of a number is what percentage more ¾ of the number?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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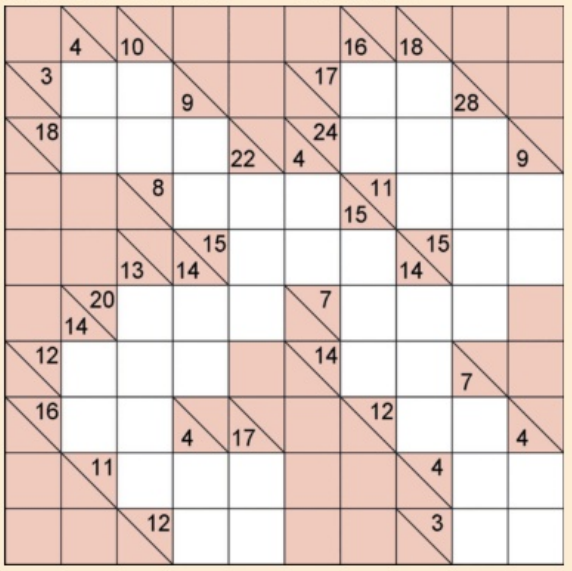

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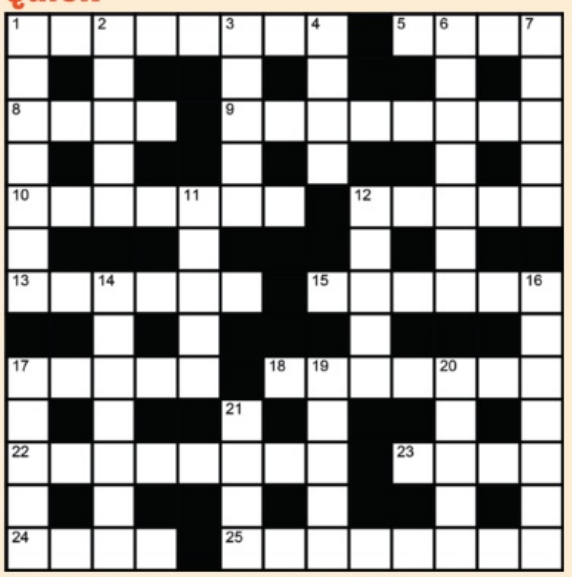


ACROSS

1 Added or attached to; affixed (8)
5 Egyptian goddess (4)
8 A naive person (4)
9 Whole numbers (8)
10 Church spire (7)
12 Cheeky (5)
13 Inquiring of (6)
15 Mistake (4-2)
17 Mass meeting (5)
18 Poly clinic which shares the name of the road it's on (7)
22 Swindler (8)
23 List of details (4)
24 To pull along (4)
25 Grotesque architectural ornamentation (8)

DOWN

1 Memory loss (7)
2 Force open (5)
3 Boring tool (5)
4 Tax on goods (4)
6 Increases (5,2)
7 Effeminate, not manly (5)
11 British coin (5)
12 Kind of energy (5)
14 Capital of West Bengal (7)
16 Appease (7)
17 Dressed in rich and expensive clothes, in a way? (5)
19 Infuriate (5)
20 Egg producer (5)
21 Online journal (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: N EQUALS P

AWRKR'Z ZUOR AWEYQZ AWCA NRUNJR XUY'A CXOEA MRV-CLZR AWRS XUY'A JEBR AWR TCS EA ZULYXZ.

Linemaro

Do you have a coin? I want to call your parents to thank them

Mindchow

Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth

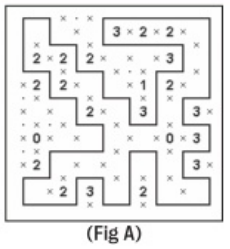
Joke of the day

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list

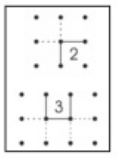
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

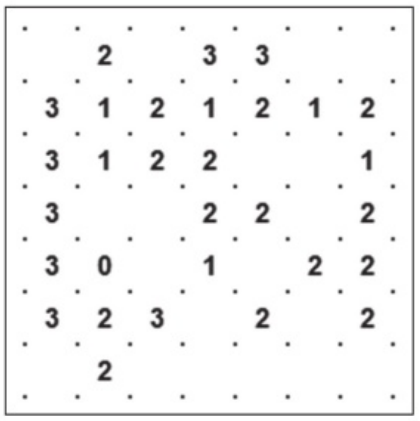


(Fig B) Not Allowed

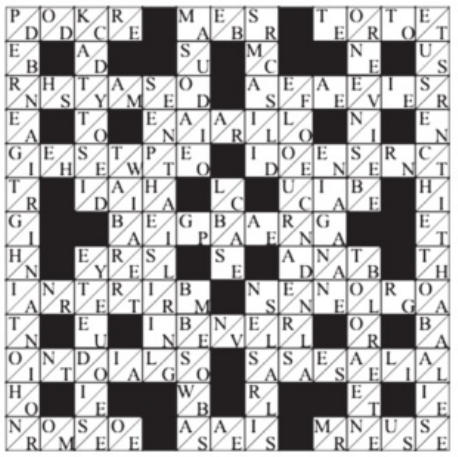
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



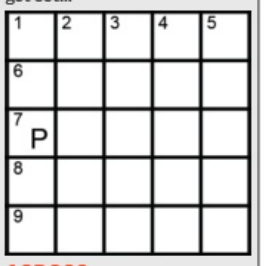
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

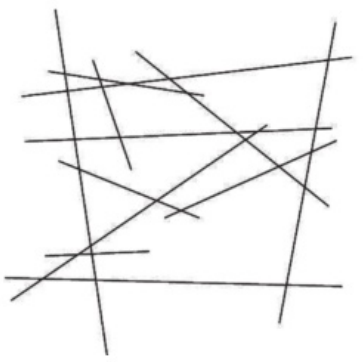
1 Stoat; 6 Solar;
7 A leap; 8 I rice;
9 Its CH

DOWN

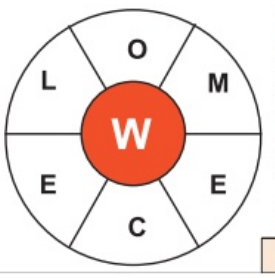
1 Optic; 2 Roach;
3 Ail I a; 4 Steel;
5 Trass

Mensapuzzle

How many lines appear below?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

			5	6	9			
	5		2		8		1	
		3	1		4	9		
2	8						3	7
		1				2		
9	3						4	1
		6	8		5	4		
	7		3		2		6	
			7	1	6			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 19
2 4 8 9

Medium ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 43
1 6 6 7

Hard ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 54
1 5 9 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Freezer handle is wider. 2. Upper cabinet is wider. 3. Sandwich is larger. 4. Cookie jar is smaller. 5. Fridge door is not as wide. 6. Counter top is thicker.

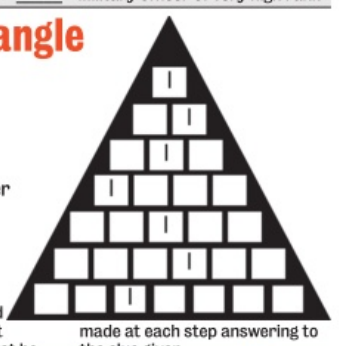
Riddler

Below are words or phrases grouped in pairs. There is a different word that fits in the middle of each set that can be defined by both sides. Your task is to find those words. Example: Flower _____ Stood
Answer: Rose

1. Enclosure for animals – _____ – Writing instrument
2. Male sheep – _____ – Collide into something
3. To shove one thing inside another – _____ – A collection of miscellaneous items
4. Not specific or definite – _____ – Military officer of very high rank

Alpha triangle

1 Third vowel
2 Coll. greeting
3 Drunk sound
4 Move slowly
5 Beijing's nation
6 Fetters
7 Popeye's energiser



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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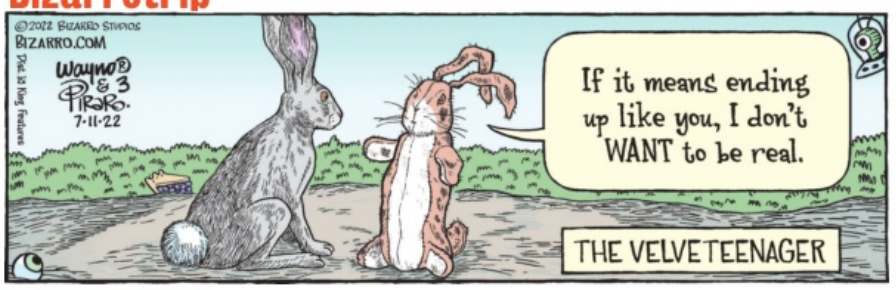


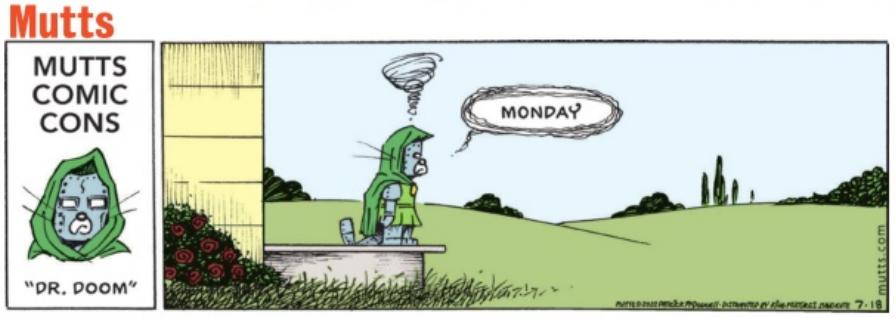
Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?
I'M GOING TO SPRAY DIRECTLY INTO THE HOLE THE BEES ARE GOING IN...
AND THEN JUMP OFF THE LADDER AND RUN AWAY AS FAST AS I CAN!
I SUPPOSE THAT'S A PLAN...
BATTLUK & DAVIS crankshaftcomic.com/books

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may face health issues, which could make you impatient. You are advised to control your temper. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying worthless items, which may affect your savings. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics, otherwise there might be breakups.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may meet some influential person who will help you in the progress of your work. Your network will be strong with the help of that person. You may prepare yourself to implement new ideas in your work or business. You will plan to invest more capital into your business, which may bring you financial gains in the near future.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today your mothers' health may be good. You may enjoy it at work. You will get rewards after your hard work. Your social respect may be increased now. Overworking your mind can make you tired. Take sufficient breaks to recharge your energy.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be satisfied with your work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some spiritual place to maintain your inner peace. Your elders may show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in the business. Read documents carefully before signing them. Your loved ones will support you through a crisis.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel good. Domestic harmony will make you happy. You could meet some influential person to get some benefits on the work front. You are likely to perform well at your job. You may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property are likely to settle down.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be healthy. You may be able to focus on your goals. Your performance may be very good at work. Your boss may be happy with you and you could get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news in any legal matter. You are likely to have control over your opponents and business rivals.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be inclined to gain knowledge. You may understand the value of intellectual assets. You will control your temper, which will help you perform your tasks smoothly. There may be some chances for smooth earnings, which may bring you comfort in the workflow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be dissatisfied. You have some sort of detachment from your responsibilities, which can confuse you. You may plan hypothetically for your projects. You are advised to be practical in your work to complete it on time. You may also take care of your parents. Postpone migration plans for now.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is a positive day for you. You may get success due to your hard work. You may have good focus and you may complete your work on time, which can improve your self confidence. You may also expect some work-related short trips soon.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be busy with domestic issues. You may spend money on buying some artefacts or household items. You are advised to control your expenditure on worthless items, otherwise it may attract negative energy in the house. You are advised to control your way of speaking to others.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel comfortable after a messy situation. Your vitality may help you to implement some difficult decisions in parental businesses. You may help needy people around you. You can also donate to charity. Students might be clear with regards to choosing their career.

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SOLUTIONS

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SOLVE IN 1M
Let the number be x
Now, 4x/3 – 3x/4 = 7x/12
According to question,
[7x/12]/[3x/4] x 100
= 7/9 x 100 = 77.77%

FAST FIVE

T	O	A	S	T
I	C	I	E	R
P	A	L	E	A
O	R	A	L	S
C	H	I	T	S

STRIKE OUT

N	O	S	E	S	A	S	M	E	S	S				
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
12.

BULL'S EYE
cowl, meow, mewl, WELCOME

QUOTE UNCODE
There's some things that people don't admit because they don't like the way it sounds.

SUDOKU

4	9	2	7	1	6	5	8	3
5	7	8	3	4	2	1	6	9
3	1	6	8	9	5	4	7	2
9	3	5	6	2	7	8	4	1
7	6	1	4	8	3	2	9	5
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8	2	3	1	7	4	9	5	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
I, Hi, hie, Inch, China, Chains, Spinach.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 8 – 2 + 9 = 19
Medium
6 x 6 x 1 + 7 = 43
Hard
2 + 5 – 1 x 9 = 54

LOOP

KAKURO

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